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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Employment of Juri RAUS

1. Juri RAUS first came to the attention of CIA in December 1959 when he was interviewed and assessed by Agency officers, acting under Department of Army cover, for a hot-war contingency reserve training program (AEDEPOT). RAUS was adjudged to be an excellent candidate for training as leader of an Estonian guerrilla warfare group, since he was a university graduate, active in the U.S. Army reserves, and a leader of the Legion of Estonian Liberation, a group of U.S. citizens of Estonian origin. RAUS was subsequently tested, cleared and employed for this program after having signed appropriate secrecy agreements. The program involved an initial training period followed by subsequent periodic refresher training designed to insure retention of acquired intelligence and paramilitary skills.

2. During this time period RAUS was employed by the Connecticut State Highway Department. In January 1963, at his own initiative, RAUS came to Washington to accept employment as a traffic engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce. Accordingly, an Agency liaison officer contacted the responsible Security officer of the Department of Commerce in order to advise him on a confidential basis of Agency interest in RAUS and to obtain concurrence for his continued use. The Agency liaison officer was advised that there was no objection, and the Commerce Security officer subsequently briefed RAUS' supervisor appropriately.

3. At approximately the same time, RAUS was also employed by the Baltic Section, his function being to provide biographic data on individuals who could be used either as foreign intelligence sources or for operational missions for collection of foreign intelligence. It was in this context that discussions were held with RAUS in 1963 concerning Erik HEINE, who was then visiting the United States from Canada where he was then resident.

4. RAUS' employment for this latter purpose involved evening and week-end work as well as time devoted to such assignments during his regular duty hours at the Bureau of Public Roads. He was given no additional compensation for this work. For your information, he was compensated for his hot-war contingency reserve training activities.

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